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The RSL and RML default values are available in the Apple Store and the Google Play Store for use on mobile devices.

The screening level (SL) tables are available for download in Excel and PDF formats. All tables are presented with target cancer risk (TR) of 1E-06, however, tables are presented with target hazard quotients (THQ) of 1.0 and 0.1. Use the tables appropriate for your region. These tables are considered ready for use. The tables contain both SL calculations and the toxicity values that were used. The download tables do not include the ingestion of fish exposure pathway, the outdoor worker and the indoor worker exposure to soil exposure pathway that are presented in the User's Guide. These exposure pathways can be considered on a site-specific basis in the calculator EXIT <https://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/cg-bin/chemcals/csl_search>.

- If you wish to receive notifications when RSLs are updated, use the Sign-up Form <<https://epa.gov/risk/forms/receive-notifications-regional-screening-level-updates>> to learn more.
- For RSL questions please use the RSL Contact Us <<https://epa.gov/risk/forms/regional-screening-levels-rsls-contact-us>> page.
- For general risk assessment questions, separate from the RSLs, please use the General Risk Assessment Contact <<https://epa.gov/risk/forms/contact-us-about-risk-assessment>> page.

Screening Levels	(TR=1E-06 THQ=1.0)	(TR=1E-06 THQ=1.0)	(TR=1E-06 THQ=0.1)
Summary Table	PDF < https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/402369 >	XLS < https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/402370 >	PDF < https://semspub.epa.gov/src >
Resident Soil	PDF < https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/402373 >	XLS < https://semspub.epa.gov/src/document/hq/402374 >	PDF < https://semspub.epa.gov/src >

Screening Level	R=1E-06 HQ=1.0)	R=1E-06 HQ=1.0)	R=1E-06 HQ=0.1)
Composite Worker Soil	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402377>	XLS <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402378>	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src.
Residential Air	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402381>	XLS <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402382>	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src.
Composite Worker Air	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402385>	XLS <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402386>	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src.
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Composite Table (Every Table)	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402397>	XLS <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402398>	PDF <h ps://semspub.epa.gov/src.t

Other Table	Detail	XLS
Chemical Specific Parameters	PDF <h tps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402401>	XLS <h tps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402402>
Subchronic Toxicity Values	PDF <h tps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402403>	XLS <h tps://semspub.epa.gov/src/documents/hq/402404>

Description of annotation and abbreviation used in RSL table and calculator output

Annotation/Abbreviation	Definition	Link to detailed description
Toxicity Related		
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number	CAS exists <h tps://www.cas.org/> is a unique numerical identifier assigned to every chemical substance described in the open scientific literature, including organic and inorganic compounds.
SF, SFO, CSF ₀ t	Oral SlopeFactor (mg/kg-day)-1 t	See section 2.3.8 <h tps://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-users-guide# toxicity of the user's guidet
IUR t	Inhalation Unit Risk (µg/m ³)-1 t	See section 2.3.6 <h tps://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-users-guide# toxicity of the user's guidet
RfD or RfDo t	Chronic Oral Reference Dose t (mg/kg-day)	See section 2.3.1 <h tps://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-users-guide# toxicity of the user's guidet
Rfec t	Chronic Inhalation Reference Concentration (mg/m ³)-1 t	See section 2.3.2 <h tps://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-users-guide# toxicity of the user's guidet

Annotation/Abbreviation	Definition	Links to detailed discussion
I or IRIS	EPA's Integrated Risk Information System	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the IRIS < https://epa.gov/iris > website.
P or PRNTV	The Provisional Peer Reviewed Toxicity Values	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the PRNTV < https://happrtv.org > website.
D or OW	EPA Office of Water Drinking Water Health Advisories and Human Health Toxicity Assessments	See section 2.5 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#mcls > of the user's guide and the OW < https://epa.gov/group-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfoss > website.
O or ORPn	EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides < https://epa.gov/pesticides/updated-list-human-health benchmarks-pesticides-drinking-water-available > website.
A or ATSDRn	The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry minimal risk levels (MRLs)	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the ATSDR < https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/mrls/mrllist.asp > website.
C or CalEPA	The California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the CalEPA OEHHA < https://oehha.ca.gov > website.
X or SCREEN	Screening toxicity values in a appendix to certain PRNTV assessments	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the PRNTV < https://happrtv.org > website.
H	The EPA Superfund program's Health Effects Assessment Summary Table	See section 2.3 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide and the HEAST < https://epa-heast.org > website.

Annotation/Abbreviation	Description	Links to detail discussion
E	Toxicity Equivalence Factors (TEF) applied	See section 2.3.5 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide for description of TEFs for dioxins and furans.
Wv	Relative Rotency Factors (RRFs) applied	See section 2.3.6 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#toxicity > of the user's guide for description of RRFs for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
Gv	See user's guide section 5	See section 5 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#special > of the user's guide for special considerations.
Mv	Mutagenicity	See section 5.17 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#mutagens > of the user's guide. Some of the cancer causing analytes in this tool operate by a mutagenic mode of action for carcinogenesis. Special equations are used.
GIABSv	Fraction of contaminant absorbed in gastrointestinal tract (unitless)	See Exhibit 4-1 < https://epa.gov/superfund/superfund-soil-screening-guidance > of the soil screening guidance. Note: if the GIABS is >50% then it is set to 100% for the calculation of dermal toxicity values.
ABSw or ABSd	Fraction of contaminant absorbed dermally from soil (unitless)	See Exhibit 3-4 < https://epa.gov/superfund/superfund-soil-screening-guidance > of the soil screening guidance
C _{sat}	Soil saturation concentration (mg/kg)	See section 5.12 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#csat > of the user's guide. The soil saturation concentration, C _{sat} , corresponds to the contaminant concentration in soil at which the absorptive limits of the soil particles, the solubility limits of the soil pore water, and saturation of soil pore air have been reached.
RBA	Relative bioavailability factor	See section 5.10 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#arsenic > of the user's guide. Arsenic screening levels for ingestion of soil are now calculated with the default relative bioavailability factor < https://epa.gov/superfund/soil-bioavailability-superfund-sites-guidance > (RBA) of 0.6.
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SL	Screening Level	See section 1 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#intro > of the user's guide and FAQ 1 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-frequent-questions#fq1 >.
TR	Target Risk	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide
THQ	Target Hazard Quotient	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide and FAQ 6 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screening-levels-frequent-questions#fq6 >.

Annotation/Abbreviation	Description	Links to detail discussion
THI	Target Hazard Index	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide, and FAQ 6< https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-frequently-asked-questions#fq6 >.
SSL	Soil Screen in g Level	See section 4.8< https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#soiltogw > of the user's guide.
correction	Canberra driving in scree in glevel	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide. Canberra driving screen in glevels are presented in the support tables. The most protective value is chosen for the summary table.
or min	Non-naïve driving scree in glevel	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide. Canberra driving screens in glevels are presented in the support tables. The most protective value is chosen for the summary table.
*	The naïve driving scree in glevel is no less than 100 times the canberra driving scree in glevel	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide. Some users of this SL Table may plan to multiply the canberra SL drove ratio by 100 to set 'action levels' for triggering remediation or to set less stringent cleanup levels for a specific site after considering non-risk-based factors such as ambient levels, detection limits, or technological feasibility.
**	The naïve driving scree in glevel is no less than 10 times the canberra driving scree in glevel	See section 5.14 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#target > of the user's guide. Some users of this SL Table may plan to multiply the canberra SL drove ratio by 10 to set 'action levels' for triggering remediation or to set less stringent cleanup levels for a specific site after considering non-risk-based factors such as ambient levels, detection limits, or technological feasibility.
max	The screen in g level has exceeded the theoretical maximum concentration ratio	See section 5.13 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#ceiling > of the user's guide. The ceiling limit of 10+5 mg/kg is equivalent to a chemical represented in 10% by weight of the soil sample. At this concentration (and higher), the assumptions for soil contact may be violated (for example, soil adherence to a windboron dispersal assumption) due to the presence of the foreign substance itself.
saturated	The screen in g level has exceeded the theoretical absorption limit of the soil.	See section 5.12 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#csat > of the user's guide. The soil saturation concentration ratio (C_{sat}) corresponds to the contamination concentration in soil at which the absorptive limits of the soil particles, the solubility limits of the soil pore water, and saturation of soil pore air have been reached. Above this concentration, the soil contaminant may be present in the aqueous phase (i.e., in aqueous phase liquids (NAPLs) for contaminants that are liquid at ambient soil temperatures and pure solid phases for compounds that are solid at ambient soil temperatures).
DAF	Dilution factor	See section 4.8.5 < https://epa.gov/risk/regional-screener/g-levels-rsls-users-guide#soiltogw > of the user's guide.
U	User-provided	In user-provided mode all the input values are given in reference of U.
Toxicity Reduction		

Annotation/Abbreviation	Description	Links to detailed discussion
ppm	parts per million	ppm is the number of units of mass of a contaminant per million units of total mass.
ppb	parts per billion	ppb is the number of units of mass of a contaminant per billion units of total mass.
kgn	kilogram	1,000 grams
mg	milligram	1,000 th of a gram
µg	microgram	1,000,000 th of a gram
m ³	cubic meters	A volume that is made by a cube that is 1 meter on each side.

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